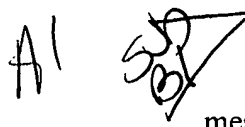


AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:


Please accept rewritten claims 1, 5 and 8 as follows:

A1  1. (Amended) An apparatus for synthesizing speech sounds to express a short message received in a wireless communications system in a handset coupled to a hands free kit, comprising:

handset circuitry for transferring an alarm signal to said hands free kit to generate an alarm to inform a user of the receipt of said short message, and for transferring said short message to said hands free kit when receiving a short message calling signal from said hands free kit; and

hands free kit circuitry for synthesizing said speech sounds according to said short message received from said handset;

wherein said short message calling signal is generated upon input by the user of a predetermined voice command.

A2  5. (Amended) In a hands free kit coupled to a handset, said hands free kit comprising a sound data storage for storing sound data to control functions and to dial by voice, and a sound element code storage for storing sound element codes representing respective alphabet letters, a method for synthesizing speech sounds to express a short message, comprising the steps of:

generating an alarm upon receiving an alarm signal from said handset to inform the user of the receipt of a short message and detecting whether speech is input;

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detecting whether said sound data storage contains sound data having substantially the same sound characteristics as said input speech;

detecting whether said input speech is a sound synthesis command if said sound storage contains sounds having the same sound characteristics as said speech, said sound synthesis command being a voice command input by a user instructing said hands free kit to process said short message as an audio output;

transmitting a short message calling signal to said handset upon detecting said sound synthesis command;

detecting said short message received from said handset;

analyzing said short message and synthesizing sound data corresponding to said short message by reading sound element data from said sound element code storage according to the analyzed result; and

converting said synthesized sound data into analog audio signals applied to a speaker.

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8. (Amended) An apparatus for synthesizing speech sounds to express a short message received in a wireless communications system in a handset coupled to a hands free kit, comprising:

handset circuitry operative to transfer said short message to said hands free kit upon input by a user of a predetermined voice command; and

hands free kit circuitry adapted to synthesize said speech sounds according to said short message received from said handset.